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PURSUANT DEPTEL 53, DEVELOPMENTS REPORTED REPNAMTO 9681 AND EMBTEL 204 SENT AMMAN 2, EMBOFF DISCUSSED FRENCH POSITION ON JORDAN MIRAGE TRANSACTION WITH [redacted] JULY TENTH. DESPITE RELUCTANCE QUAI OFFICIALS DISCUSS [redacted] SUMMARIZED SITUATION PURSUANT SOUTOU'S INSTRUCTIONS FOLLOWING HARRIMAN INTERCESSION (REFEMBTEL) AS FOLLOWS:

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(1) FRENCH NEGOTS WITH JORDANIANS FAILED OF AGREEMENT TO DATE BECAUSE OF FINANCIAL FACTOR ("JORDANIANS HAVE NO MONEY") AND TECHNICAL PROBLEMS ("FRENCH PRODUCTION TO 1969 ALREADY COMMITTED"). (2) SCOPE THESE PROBLEMS SUCH THAT QUESTION NOT RPT NOT EXAMINED BY FRENCH ON POLITICAL LEVEL. (3) [redacted] UNABLE SPECULATE ON OUTCOME SHOULD QUESTION GO TO POLITICAL LEVEL IN HYPOTHESIS FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES COULD BE OVERCOME. (4) AS EMBOFF TAKING HIS LEAVE [redacted] INDICATED IN PASSING HIS "PRIVATE VIEW" JORDANIANS IN ANY EVENT MORE TRIGGER-HAPPY THAN LEBANESE; HINTED THIS FACTOR ALSO HAD TO BE KEPT IN MIND.

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CONVERSATION WAS CAST IN FRAMEWORK USGOVT'S INTEREST ASCERTAIN FRENCH VIEWS AND REQUIREMENTS IN LIGHT OUR HOPE, PREVIOUSLY COMMUNICATED GOF, JORDANIANS WOULD BE ABLE SATISFY THEIR NEEDS FROM WESTERN SUPPLIERS. US INVOLVEMENT VIA POSSIBLE FINANCIAL GUARANTEES ETC. DID NOT ARISE.

COMMENT: QUESTION WAS CLEARLY POSED WHETHER GOF, FOR REASONS BROADER FRENCH INTERESTS, HAD MADE BASIC DECISION REFUSE

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AIRCRAFT TO JORDAN [redacted] NOT UNEXPECTEDLY DECLINED OPPORTUNITY CHARACTERIZE FRENCH POSITION IN SUCH TERMS AND REITERATED POINTS 1 THROUGH 3 CITED ABOVE. FYI ANOTHER RESPONSIBLE QUAI OFFICIAL (PROTECT) HAD CALLED FRENCH REPLY TO GOJ "DELAYING TACTIC" IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION [redacted]
END FYI.

EMBASSY HOWEVER INCLINED TO VIEW FRENCH POSITION PROBABLY BASED LESS ON CITED ECONOMIC FACTORS THAN ON UNSTATED POLITICAL CONCERNS WHICH PRESUMABLY UNDERLIE OTHER WESTERN COUNTRIES' RELUCTANCE DELIVER SUPERSONICS TO JORDAN. ISRAELI SENSITIVITIES AND PRESSURES TO WHICH FRENCH COULD BE EXPECTED ATTACH CERTAIN IMPORTANCE MUST ALSO BE INVOLVED. FRENCH POSTURE MAY THUS APPEAR SUFFICIENTLY EQUIVOCAL TO JORDANIANS TO CAUSE HUSSEIN HAVE DECIDED FRENCH REED TOO WEAK OFFER HIM SUPPORT NEEDED DURING CRITICAL PERIOD INTRA-ARAB RELATIONS, LET ALONE DURING ANY FUTURE PERIOD OF INCREASED TENSION WITH ISRAEL. THIS COULD BE TRUE REASON WHY KING TOLD HOOPER HE CONSIDERS FRENCH GAMBIT PLAYED OUT: A[redacted]STATEMENT MATTER WOULD STILL HAVE TO GO TO POLITICAL LEVEL GOF, AND

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B) HINT JORDANIANS MORE TRIGGER-HAPPY, AS WELL AS C) AWKWARDNESS EVIDENT IN OUR DISCUSSIONS THIS ISSUE WITH QUAI ARE NOTEWORTHY IN THIS CONNECTION AND SEEM FROM HERE INDICATE POSSIBILITY ULTIMATELY BRINGING JORDANIANS AND FRENCH TOGETHER SIGNIFICANTLY LIMITED.

UNLESS WE HAVE SOMETHING NEW TO PROPOSE SUCH AS ELIMINATION OF FINANCIAL PROBLEM, EMBASSY OF OPINION WE HAVE ALREADY GAINED AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE FROM OUR INTERCESSION WITH QUAI IN PARIS AND HAVE JUST ABOUT WORN OUT OUR WELCOME THIS ISSUE HERE. EMBASSY HAS NO REALISTIC SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE ACTION RE FRENCH UNLESS THERE IS POSSIBILITY USEFUL ACTION IN QUADRIPARTITE FORUM WASHINGTON WHERE BRITISH AND GERMAN INFLUENCE COULD BE BROUGHT TO BEAR. GP-1. BOHLEN
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